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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Lower wholesale dressed beef prices along with continued liberal marketings of all slaughter classes of cattle were the main contributing factors in lower live prices over the midwest area. Slaughter steers and heifers were generally 25¢-$1.00 lower with prices at several terminals 50¢-$1.00 off. Cow prices were 50¢-$1.00 lower. Stockers and feeders sold on an uneven basis, mostly steady after losing some early advance; however, stock cattle prices at Omaha were steady to 50¢ higher, and 25-50¢ lower at Kansas City. Slaughter hogs were also lower with declines mostly 75¢-$1.25. Slightly increased numbers and lower wholesale prices influenced the trade. For the most part slaughter spring lambs were steady to 50¢ higher; however, declines of 50¢ occurred at St. Louis and Chicago. Spring lambs at Indianapolis were $1.00-1.50 lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers, heifers, and cows sold on a sharply lower basis with further declines on carcass beef at major wholesale dressed meat centers the major factor. The average price of slaughter steers fell to the lowest point in almost three years at several major midwestern centers. Steer beef prices were also the lowest since 1957 at some points. Slaughter steers and heifers were 25¢-$1.00 lower while cows for the most part sold 50¢-$1.00 lower. Most terminals showed declines up to 75¢ or $1.00 making this the sharpest one week price break on both steers and heifers since late June. Choice and Prime steers and heifers suffered the greatest decline at most markets. Narrow price spreads between various grades of carcass beef contributed toward correspondingly narrow price ranges on slaughter steers and heifers. Increased cow supplies also contributed toward the decline in cow prices but total salable receipts at the twelve major terminals were only slightly curtailed. Bulls sold steady to 50¢ higher, but prices at Chicago were 50¢ to $1.00 lower. Vealers were steady to $1.00 lower in St. Paul, but mostly steady at St. Louis. Good and Choice steers continued to predominate, but few loads better than average-Choice were available at most points. The percentage Prime in the steer supply at Chicago increased from 7 to 11 percent.

Three loads of Prime 1250-1350# steers sold at $27.00 in Chicago on Monday, but only two loads brought $26.75 at midweek. High-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime steers sold at $25.25-26.50 in Chicago with a few 1300-1450# weights from $24.50-25.25. Good to average-Choice brought $21.50-25.25 with average-Choice late at $24.00-24.75. At the other points high-Choice and Prime secured $25.00-25.50, bulk Choice $23.50-25.00, High-Good and low-Choice $22.50-23.50, bulk Good $21.00-23.00. Standard to low-Good steers brought $17.00-21.00. A few loads of high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime heifers sold from $24.00-25.00 with mixed high-Choice and Prime to $25.50 in Chicago. Good and Choice heifers brought $20.00-24.25. Utility and Commercial cows brought $13.00-15.50, mostly $14.00-15.50, Canners and Cutters $11.50-14.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - There was only a slight acceleration in the marketward movement of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at mid-western terminal markets. Overall quality at terminal markets was at a slightly higher level than earlier in the month, but offerings better than low-Choice continued in a decided minority. Early in the week trading generally was fairly active, however, sharp downturns in slaughter cattle prices during the week tended to damper demand. At Omaha, prices were steady to 50¢ higher but elsewhere early strength generally was erased and by the end of the week prices ranged from mostly steady to 50¢ lower.

Choice, fleshy 800-900# feeder steers brought $24.00-24.50, but the great majority of Good and Choice 800-1050# steers sold from $21.00-23.75, Medium and low-Good $18.00-21.00. Two loads high-Choice 555# stock steers reached $28.25. Good and Choice 525-700# yearling steers sold from $22.00-26.25, relatively few sales above $25.00. Medium and low-Good stockers ranged $18.00-22.50. One load of Choice yearling stock heifers reached $25.00, but most Good and Choice yearling heifers sold from $20.00-23.50. At the various mid-west terminal markets stock calf supplies included relatively few load-lots of Choice grade, but most Good and Choice steer calves sold from $22.00-26.25; same grades heifer calves $20.00-25.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings of hogs followed the pattern of recent weeks in that receipts were larger than the previous period, but continued substantially under a year ago. The barrow and gilt supply was comprised mainly of mixed grade 190-250# offerings with a moderate showing of weights over 250#. Sharp price declines featured the trade. Slightly increased receipts and lower prices in the wholesale trade combined as price depressing factors and slaughter hogs came under continuous price pressure each session of the week. Demand in general was best for barrows and gilts scaling 210-240# with weights under 200# relatively hard to move. At some of the points outlet to order buyers was the poorest in several months. Compared with the previous week's close, barrows and gilts were 75¢-$1.50 lower with most markets $1.00-1.25 off. Sows were 50¢-$1.50 lower, mainly 75¢-$1.25 off.

At the close of the week U. S. 1-2, and mixed 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts sold at mainly $15.85-16.25. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3,

190-280# barrows and gilts brought $15.50-16.00. Earlier in the week, a few loads of U. S. 2-3, and 3 300-350# butchers sold at $15.00-15.75. U. S.1-3, 270-600# sows brought $12.25-15.50, largely $12.50-15.00.

Prices on feeder pigs declined 50¢ at both South St. Paul and Sioux City. Medium to mostly Good 140-180# feeder pigs brought $15.00-15.25 at Sioux City, mostly Good 130-160# feeders at South St. Paul sold at $14.50-15.00.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts of hogs were slightly larger than in the preceding week, but some smaller than a year ago. Mixed U. S. No. 1-3 200 to 240# butchers predominated in the supply with a slight seasonal increase in marketing of weights under 200#. Sows made up about 15 percent of receipts. Butchers closed 85¢-$1.00 lower than a week earlier, instances $1.25 off on weights under 200#. Sows were 85¢-$1.10 lower. Closing prices were at lowest point since early March with No. 1-3 200 to 240# butchers at $14.75-15.50, a few lots No. 1-2 $15.50-15.85. No. 1-3 270 to 400# sows brought $13.00-15.00; 400 to 550# $11.00-13.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - The 12 market receipts of sheep and lambs were around 13 percent more than the previous week and also 8 percent more than last year. A fairly even distribution of daily supplies and moderate activity in the dressed lamb trade were supporting factors to a reliable outlet in live trade. Prices on slaughter spring lambs were mainly steady to 50¢ higher, but were steady to 50¢ lower at Chicago and St. Louis, and $1.00-2.00 lower at Indianapolis. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady to 50¢ higher. Feeder lamb prices held steady.

Choice and Prime 85-110# spring slaughter lambs brought $18.50-20.00 with limited volume Choice to mostly Prime lots $20.00-21.50, a few $21.75-22.00 in Chicago early. Good and Choice bulked at $16.50-18.50. Choice and Prime 85-112# shorn spring lambs with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts brought $18.50-20.00; Good and Choice $17.00-18.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes bulked $2.00-4.00, a few $5.00.

Good and Choice 50-85# spring feeder lambs moved at $15.00-18.00. Several lots Medium to Good solid mouth breeding ewes sold at $10.00-11.50 each, and some Good and Choice yearling and two-year-old ewes brought $15.00 per head.

In the Interior Iowa Southern Minnesota area, receipts were around 8 percent less than both the previous week and a year ago. Spring slaughter lambs made up the bulk of supply with shorn slaughter yearlings and ewes accounting for about 10 percent. Demand for spring slaughter lambs was good on most sessions, but closing prices were steady to as much as 50¢ lower. Other slaughter classes were steady to weak. Choice and Prime 80-105# spring slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants brought $17.50-18.00 on late rounds with a few mostly Prime lots to $18.50; Good to average-Choice mainly $16.00-17.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes bulked $2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - The direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was slow, steady to 75¢ lower, but mostly 25-50¢ off; stockers and feeders steady; spring lambs steady to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Around 156 loads high-Good and Choice 925-1100# $24.00-25.75, 35 loads high-Good and Choice 1100-1300# $23.50-25.25, 47 loads Standard to mostly Good 900-1100# $22.25-23.75, 19 loads Standard 850-1150# $20.80-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: Load Choice 835# $25.00, 55 loads high-Good and Choice 800-1075# $23.00-24.50.

Stockers and feeders: About 1775 Good and Choice 500-735# steers $21.00-23.25, 300 head Good and Choice 950# $20.00-20.50; 1325 Good and Choice 500-650# heifers $20.00-22.25; 1300 Good and Choice 375-550# stock calves with steers $24.00-25.00, heifers $21.50-23.00.

Slaughter spring lambs: Around 27 loads Choice and Prime 95-117# shorn California lambs with mostly No. 1 pelts $17.50-18.25; 6 loads Choice and Prime 94-95# wooled Nevada lambs $17.25-18.25; 7600 head mixed slaughter and feeder lambs around 90-95# for slaughter and 75-80# for feeders $17.00-17.50. Around 4,400 Good and Choice 75-80# spring feeder lambs $15.00-16.00; 2,000 Choice 88# $16.75; 5,000 Good 65-75# $13.50-14.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on slaughter steers and heifers at feedlots slow with steers steady to 50¢ lower, heifers steady to 25¢ lower. In Colorado, 8 loads average to high-Choice 1050-1100# slaughter steers $25.25-25.75, late sales generally at $25.25; 81 loads mostly Choice 1025-1375# $23.50-25.00, weights under 1175# bulking at $24.25-25.00; 12 loads high-Good and Choice 1175-1225# $23.25-23.75; 26 loads Standard to mostly Good 1035-1175# $21.85-23.00. Seventy-eight loads Choice 815-1000# slaughter heifers $24.00-25.00; 8 loads high-Good and Choice 840-1025# $23.85-24.25; load Good 975# $22.50. In western Nebraska, two loads mostly Choice 1150# steers $24.00, 10 percent cut at $22.00. Demand for stockers and feeders was good at steady prices. Sand Hills, Nebraska: About 1100 head string Good and Choice around 1125-1150# three-year-old feeder steers early September $19.00, around 1500 head Good and Choice 625-725# feeder heifers $22.00-23.00 with Good and Choice steers 675-775# $23.00-25.00; 280 head Good to mostly Choice mixed last fall calves $27.00, early September

delivery. Western Kansas: About 300 Good 825# steers $20.50; 150 Good 660# heifers $21.00. Wyoming: - 850 Good and Choice 575-650# steers $23.00-24.00. Colorado: - Two loads Good and Choice 650-675# steers $23.75; 715 Good and Choice 600-650# heifers $22.50-22.75, September-October delivery.

Spring lambs weak to 25¢ lower. Twelve loads Choice and Prime 93-103# spring slaughter lambs $19.75-20.10, these delivered to plants and weighed off truck.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Light thundershowers occurred in higher mountain country this week, but were of no real significance. Very dry conditions prevailed in west and southwest parts of New Mexico and elsewhere good range and pasture conditions that have prevailed are now deteriorating. Direct trade continued slow on all classes of cattle and calves. Confirmed sales totaled only thirty-one loads slaughter steers and heifers, mostly 50¢ lower, and stockers and feeders were fully 50¢ lower on some 7520 head. Slaughter steers: A load of average-Choice 1085# slaughter steers sold at $24.50, twelve loads of Good and low-Choice 925-1150# averages secured $23.00-24.00; twelve loads Standard and low-Good 850-1100# $21.00-22.50. Slaughter heifers: A load average-Choice 932# slaughter heifers sold at $24.00; five loads Good and low-Choice 740-880# $21.50-23.50. Stockers and feeders: About 2,300 Good and Choice 600-800# stock steers sold at $21.50-23.00. Around 1,400 Good and Choice 600-750# stocker and feeder heifers brought $21.00-22.00. Nearly 3,500 Good and Choice 400-450# stock calves sold mostly for fall delivery with steer calves at $24.50-26.00 and heifer calves at $22.50-24.00. About eight loads of Medium and Good cows with calves went at $180.00-200.00 per pair.

Amarillo Area - Hot weather prevailed over the area with localized showers and thunder storms. Wheat planting was underway with some early plantings making rapid growth. Demand for stock calves was broad while feeder steers found somewhat improved outlet but feeder heifers continued slow. Confirmed sales and contracts stockers and feeders totaled over 20,300 head. Stock calves sold 50¢-$1.00 higher while other classes were unevenly steady to weak. Slaughter steers and heifers sold weak to 25¢ lower. Slaughter steers - About 23 loads of mostly Good to low-Choice, 950-1125# steers secured $22.00-23.50, mostly $23.00-23.25; 10 loads Standard and Good 1025-1050# $21.50. Slaughter heifers - Five loads Choice 960-1050# heifers moved at $23.75-23.90; 5 loads Good 750# $21.50. Stockers and feeders for immediate delivery, several lots Choice 700-875# stocker and and feeder steers $21.50-23.00; 150 head Choice 1000# $21.00; over 4,000 Good and low-Choice 800-950# feeders $19.00-21.50 with bulk in Kansas and Oklahoma at $19.00-20.50. In the Texas Panhandle, Medium 750-850# $18.00-19.00. For fall delivery 300 Choice 700# $23.00. Over 2,200 Good to mostly Choice 650-725# feeder heifers for immediate through September delivery $20.50-22.00. Over 11,500 head of stock calves for immediate delivery sold with Choice and Fancy steer calves at $24.50-27.00, one string $28.00 and heifer calves $22.00-24.00. For September and October delivery Choice steer calves $25.00-26.00, heifers $22.50-24.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Direct trade on slaughter steers 25-50¢ lower, heifers weak to 50¢ lower, stockers and feeders as well as sheep and lambs mostly steady.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Six loads of Choice 960-1150# slaughter steers sold at $26.25-26.50; 22 loads Good to mostly Choice 1000-1155# $25.00-26.00, 3 loads Standard and low-Good $19.00-21.00. Idaho - Sixteen loads Good to mostly Choice 1000-1125# $24.50-25.00.

Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho - Twenty-seven loads Good to mostly Choice 850-950# $22.50-23.50, load Choice 800# $23.75.

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves: Washington - Around 150 Choice 740-775# stock steers $24.00, October delivery; 91 Good and Choice 550-600# $23.10. Idaho - About 900 Choice 800# feeder steers $22.50-23.00, Sept. 15 delivery; 1,550 Good and Choice 675-775# $22.50; 525 Good and Choice 600-610# stock heifers $21.00. Oregon - Around 2,500 Good and Choice 750-800# stock steers $22.00-22.50; 350 Choice steer calves $26.00, heifers $24.00.

Sheep and lambs: Washington, Oregon and Idaho - Bulk Choice wooled and shorn spring slaughter lambs mostly 95-105# $16.50-17.50, mostly $17.00-17.50. Mostly Choice feeder lambs $14.00-15.50.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Direct trade on stocker and feeder cattle and calves slow, steady to 50¢ lower. Around 1,570 Good and Choice 935-1035# two-year-old feeder steers $21.00-21.25; 1250 head mostly Good, two and three-year-old steers $19.00 for dehorned, $17.00 on horned; 2,082 Good and Choice 600-750# yearling steers for immediate to September 15 delivery, largely $22.50-23.00, few sales 600-720# $23.25-23.50. Around 2,132 Good and Choice 550-685# yearling heifers $20.00-21.75, 800 head string mostly Good and low-Choice delivery September 15, $20.00. In Wyoming 194 mostly Choice and Fancy 602-686# steers $24.35-25.30; 436 600-760# $22.80-24.30; 123 560# heifers $23.50 and two cars 608# heifers $22.25. Stock calves were about steady with confirmed sales 2,570. In Montana, Good and Choice 375-450# stock steer calves $25.00-26.00. Few sales Choice and Choice and Fancy $26.50-27.00; Good and Choice heifer calves $22.00-23.00, instances $24.00 on Choice and Fancy. In Montana and northern Wyoming, Good and Choice 68-87# feeder lambs with a slaughter end $15.00-16.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle Aug. 27 1960	Cattle Aug. 29 1959	Calves Aug. 27 1960	Calves Aug. 29 1959	Hogs Aug. 27 1960	Hogs Aug. 29 1959	Sheep and lambs Aug. 27 1960	Sheep and lambs Aug. 29 1959
Chicago	42,756	37,382	185	619	29,167	31,962	4,048	3,578
Cincinnati	3,675	3,064	700	751	13,245	10,761	1,388	1,468
Denver	8,778	10,108	234	273	4,685	5,199	28,219	22,716
Fort Worth	10,362	7,768	1,523	2,509	2,282	2,494	5,816	4,920
Indianapolis	7,398	7,199	1,280	750	37,401	40,287	4,897	4,031
Kansas City	20,587	21,959	1,375	1,837	13,497	15,644	4,238	4,665
Oklahoma City	12,099	13,956	1,440	1,543	3,350	3,778	1,001	1,312
Omaha	38,142	35,791	956	1,269	33,795	41,468	9,268	10,144
St. Joseph	16,304	14,946	431	1,051	20,810	26,278	5,692	6,011
St. Louis NSY	16,752	15,076	2,701	2,837	55,286	61,058	4,889	5,053
Sioux City	27,449	30,558	499	1,304	26,837	32,687	8,726	9,111
S. St. Paul	19,952	20,849	3,860	3,923	49,385	54,000	10,655	9,609
Total	224,254	218,656	15,184	18,666	289,740	325,616	88,837	82,618
" Aug. 20, 1960	230,616		15,528		280,050		78,559	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Aug. 27, 1960	Aug. 20, 1960	Aug. 29, 1959
Hogs	314,000	310,000	321,500
Sheep	25,000	27,100	27,100

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended Aug. 25 1960	Week ended Aug. 18 1960	Week ended Aug. 27 1959	Month July 1960	Month July 1959
Steers - 1001# up	220	479	1,223	949	1,834
901-1000	1,415	1,805	3,617	3,214	7,043
801-900	3,875	3,194	4,495	7,788	12,950
701-800	4,934	4,728	4,969	13,384	12,243
501-700	9,536	8,733	12,818	31,770	34,047
Total steers 10 markets	19,980	18,939	27,122	57,105	68,117
Av. wts. " " "	711#	718#	736#	690#	717#
Av. cost* " " "	$21.24	$21.22	$26.07	$21.66	$26.75
" " " Chicago	23.41	22.45	25.79	23.47	27.44
" " " Kansas City	21.37	21.29	25.63	21.81	26.47
" " " Omaha	21.65	21.80	26.98	22.25	27.47
" " " S. St. Paul	19.77	19.99	24.42	21.32	25.28
" " " Sioux City	22.79	22.95	27.62	23.24	27.95
" " " Denver	21.73	21.31	26.45	23.21	26.03
" " " Ft. Worth	19.26	20.44	25.70	20.75	25.95
" " " Oklahoma City	20.11	19.91	25.36	20.51	26.32
" " " S. St. Joseph	21.17	20.25	25.64	21.40	26.39
" " " St. Louis NSY	20.92	20.49	25.28	22.19	25.74
Total calves - 10 markets	12,264	14,847	14,009	56,396	43,383
" heifers " "	3,123	3,518	5,717	9,444	12,945
" cows " "	1,238	548	660	2,141	2,545

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Aug. 26, 1960	2	44	19	18	7	16	7	5	14	65	75	50	55
Aug. 19, 1960	2	45	10	14	8	16	4	3	18	60	76	46	55
Aug. 28, 1959	3	35	21	24	6	30	5	4	10	60	82	50	35
Slaughter cows													
Aug. 26, 1960	5	11	9	11	14	8	28	8	34	15	16	19	15
Aug. 19, 1960	5	11	7	7	12	8	17	9	30	20	14	24	15
Aug. 28, 1959	6	10	13	9	11	7	25	17	20	20	9	14	20

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Aug. 25 1960	Aug. 27 1959	Aug. 25 1960	Aug. 27 1959	Aug. 25 1960	Aug. 27 1959	Aug. 25 1960	Aug. 27 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,354	3,409	10.8	13.1	1,223	1,241	26.03	28.27
Choice.....	19,762	17,035	63.8	65.3	1,183	1,171	24.74	27.27
Good.....	6,936	4,951	22.4	19.0	1,075	1,054	23.41	26.15
Standard.....	775	625	2.5	2.4	1,032	978	20.87	24.45
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	152	69	.5	.2	1,070	1,010	18.97	22.47
All grades.....	30,979	26,089			1,159	1,153	24.50	27.15
OMAHA								
Prime.....	159	10	1.0	--	1,202	1,195	25.09	28.25
Choice.....	8,651	6,414	52.0	43.0	1,163	1,146	23.99	27.07
Good.....	6,573	7,913	39.5	53.0	1,055	1,049	22.67	25.69
Standard.....	1,151	528	6.9	3.6	1,017	974	19.77	23.17
Utility.....	91	59	.6	.4	914	971	17.77	21.37
All grades.....	16,625	14,924			1,109	1,088	23.21	26.22
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	85	28	.7	.3	1,217	1,198	25.35	28.16
Choice.....	7,005	5,368	54.9	52.6	1,158	1,154	23.96	27.14
Good.....	4,751	4,469	37.2	43.8	1,074	1,056	22.57	25.78
Standard.....	838	239	6.5	2.4	1,008	1,017	19.81	23.25
Utility.....	87	95	.7	.9	952	1,033	17.59	22.00
All grades.....	12,766	10,199			1,116	1,107	23.19	26.45
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	39	--	.7	--	1,006	--	28.24
Choice.....	1,901	2,316	35.1	41.7	1,127	1,118	24.44	26.90
Good.....	2,876	2,560	53.1	46.1	1,045	1,082	22.89	25.53
Standard.....	622	611	11.5	11.0	1,025	1,051	20.78	23.72
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	15	28	.3	.5	1,028	1,064	17.70	20.57
All grades.....	5,414	5,554			1,072	1,093	23.22	25.92
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,138	1,020	20.8	20.5	1,056	1,041	24.50	27.16
Good.....	3,650	3,048	66.9	61.3	1,024	1,042	23.11	25.75
Standard.....	601	649	11.0	13.0	935	993	20.67	23.96
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	71	260	1.3	5.2	921	996	17.86	22.10
All grades.....	5,460	4,977			1,020	1,033	23.10	25.65
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,015	2,937	48.5	49.0	1,132	1,116	24.20	26.77
Good.....	2,946	2,684	47.4	44.8	1,069	1,073	22.75	25.55
Standard.....	215	371	3.5	6.2	1,013	1,023	19.96	23.44
Utility.....	39	--	.6	--	912	--	16.63	--
All grades.....	6,215	5,992			1,096	1,091	23.36	26.04
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,807	1,940	72.2	56.5	1,154	1,147	24.51	26.52
Good.....	629	1,485	25.1	43.2	1,102	1,143	22.90	25.97
Standard.....	57	10	2.3	.3	1,043	1,192	17.65	22.00
Utility.....	9	--	.4	--	1,309	--	16.75	--
All grades.....	2,502	3,435			1,139	1,145	23.94	26.27

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle Aug. 27 1960	Cattle Aug. 29 1959	Calves Aug. 27 1960	Calves Aug. 29 1959	Hogs Aug. 27 1960	Hogs Aug. 29 1959	Sheep and lambs Aug. 27 1960	Sheep and lambs Aug. 29 1959
Boston, New York City Area...	12,627	12,663	12,147	11,047	44,933	43,463	41,471	37,403
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,749	7,764	2,009	1,090	23,366	25,386	4,363	2,522
Cin.,Cleve.,Detroit,Indpls...	20,584	18,293	4,744	5,316	136,885	115,524	15,280	13,804
Chicago Area.....	18,418	16,652	6,994	6,020	32,216	24,617	6,364	3,896
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	30,965	30,976	16,034	13,019	96,113	108,419	13,027	10,645
St. Louis Area.....	12,164	10,927	1,932	1,692	70,919	73,087	4,261	4,458
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	22,705	21,985	--	--	73,844	85,892	11,738	16,729
Omaha Area.....	38,104	33,650	127	143	69,619	75,103	12,928	11,496
Kansas City.....	14,522	13,026	--	--	23,459	37,315	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	35,003	33,807	6,624	5,897	257,005	274,128	31,316	32,362
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's....	7,157	7,015	3,815	5,188	55,904	51,168	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	8,307	5,789	6,310	3,854	24,558	18,986	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	19,751	16,838	1,195	1,383	35,612	44,150	6,695	5,407
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	11,230	9,890	6,346	5,093	11,292	12,988	24,413	14,124
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	18,310	19,148	192	346	16,169	13,752	24,603	29,693
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	29,005	24,599	1,073	830	24,902	28,064	31,495	32,216
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,727	7,166	483	382	16,050	17,477	5,327	7,506
Total.....	315,328	290,188	70,025	61,300	1,012,846	1,049,519	233,281	222,261
Accumulation to date....	10,240,934	9,325,038	2,245,705	2,161,582	37,606,494	37,169,681	8,096,826	7,678,616

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef Number	Beef Prod.	Veal Number	Veal Prod.	Pork (excl. lard) Number	Pork (excl. lard) Prod.	Lamb and mutton Number	Lamb and mutton Prod.	Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Aug. 27, 1960	385	226.0	98	12.2	1,175	158.7	250	11.5	408.4	--
Aug. 20, 1960	395	232.7	95	11.9	1,135	156.6	280	12.6	413.8	--
Aug. 6, 1960 1/	377	--	89	--	1,069	--	272	--	--	34.2
Aug. 29, 1959 1/	351	205.8	90	11.1	1,206	160.4	236	10.9	388.2	38.4
Percentage change from:										
Aug. 20, 1960	-3	-3	3	3	4	1	-11	-9	-1	--
Aug. 29, 1959	10	10	9	10	-3	-1	6	6	5	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.) Cattle Live	Cattle Dressed	Calves Live	Calves Dressed	Hogs Live	Hogs Dressed 2/	Sheep and lambs Live	Sheep and lambs Dressed	Lard yield per 100 lb.
Aug. 27, 1960	1020	587	220	125	235	135	96	46	--
Aug. 20 1960	1025	589	220	125	240	138	94	45	--
Aug. 6, 1960	1025	589	235	134	242	138	94	45	--
Aug. 29, 1959	1017	586	217	123	230	133	95	46	13.8

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION BY WEEKS, JULY 1960

Week ended	Cattle Number	Cattle Av. dr. wt.	Cattle Prod.	Calves Number	Calves Av. dr. wt.	Calves Prod.	Hogs Number	Hogs Av. dr. wt. 1/	Hogs Prod. 1/	Sheep and lambs Number	Sheep and lambs Av. dr. wt.	Sheep and lambs Prod.	Total meat prod.	Lard Yield per 100 lb.	Lard Prod.
	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	mil.lb.
July 9	343	586	201.0	70	134	9.4	883	143	126.2	241	45	10.8	347.4	13.9	30.6
16	409	583	238.5	101	134	13.5	1114	142	158.0	300	45	13.5	423.5	14.0	38.4
23	378	580	219.3	93	139	12.9	1033	141	145.5	262	45	11.8	389.5	14.2	36.2
30	375	577	216.5	91	136	12.4	1036	139	143.9	251	45	11.3	384.1	13.6	34.0

1/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago Aug. 27 1960	Chicago Aug. 29 1959	Kansas City Aug. 27 1960	Kansas City Aug. 29 1959	Omaha Aug. 27 1960	Omaha Aug. 29 1959	Denver Aug. 27 1960	Denver Aug. 29 1959	North Portland Aug. 27 1960	North Portland Aug. 29 1959
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	25.70	28.65	--	--	25.35	28.75	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	25.96	28.75	--	--	25.35	28.75	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	24.59	27.48	24.65	27.15	24.05	27.35	24.42	27.08	26.69	28.92
1100-1300	24.37	27.45	24.30	27.15	24.05	27.35	23.92	26.80	--	28.00
Good 900-1100	22.56	25.88	22.70	25.25	21.98	25.18	21.18	24.50	25.12	27.50
Standard - All wts.	20.81	24.12	20.12	23.25	19.30	23.12	17.72	21.25	22.12	25.75
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	23.28	--	23.70	26.25	23.68	26.10	23.88	26.52	24.00	--
Good** 600-800	--	24.98	21.80	24.70	21.05	24.10	20.70	24.08	23.25	26.75
Standard - All wts.	18.34	22.92	18.85	22.50	18.42	22.25	17.50	20.80	20.75	24.75
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	14.75	18.85	15.40	18.95	15.82	18.55	--	19.50	16.25	18.50
Utility	14.78	17.72	14.58	17.35	14.78	17.55	15.08	18.30	15.00	16.75
Cutter	14.37)	16.40	13.78)	15.52	13.70)	15.75	13.62)	16.00	12.75)	14.50
Canner	12.34)		12.85)		12.98)		12.48)		11.00)	
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	18.62	23.75	17.70	20.75	17.38	21.82	--	21.50	--	21.50
Utility	19.37	22.50	18.05	20.75	17.00	21.10	17.85	21.72	20.25	22.50
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	20.00	26.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	18.00	24.38	--	--	--	--	22.00	26.00
Standard	--	--	16.00	22.50	--	--	--	--	19.00	23.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	24.50	--	22.00	28.50	21.40	28.25	--	--	26.00	29.00
Good	23.00	32.00	20.00	26.00	19.25	26.25	--	--	24.00	27.00
Standard	19.50	28.00	17.50	24.25	16.50	24.00	--	--	21.00	24.00
Feeder and stocker cattle and calves										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	25.75	31.50	25.20	30.00	25.62	31.35	25.50	29.50	23.75	27.00
Good 500-800	22.96	28.50	22.85	27.50	23.00	27.35	23.50	27.50	20.75	25.25
Medium 500-1000	19.68	25.75	19.88	23.50	19.50	25.05	19.75	23.75	19.25	22.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	22.75	27.75	23.75	28.50	23.00	27.25	22.25	25.00
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	19.50	23.75	19.62	25.00	19.75	24.50	18.75	22.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	14.12	17.75	14.75	18.00	14.88	18.50	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	26.00	32.50	25.75	36.00	--	--	24.50	28.25
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	22.80	30.25	24.00	33.00	--	--	22.25	27.25

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.
** " " 700-900# " "

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.15	14.47	--	--	16.51	14.82	16.12	14.10	16.24	14.44	15.80	15.02	15.64	14.68	16.12	14.52
200-220	16.60	14.76	15.78	--	16.53	15.00	16.62	15.18	16.50	14.88	16.22	15.21	16.32	15.03	16.28	14.70
220-240	16.60	14.82	15.78	--	16.52	15.00	16.65	15.18	16.48	14.92	16.38	15.25	16.48	15.02	16.28	14.70
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.27	14.44	15.49	--	16.28	14.68	16.18	14.85	16.24	14.63	15.95	14.65	16.14	14.60	15.85	14.32
220-240	16.26	14.56	15.49	--	16.28	14.68	16.18	14.85	16.20	14.72	16.18	14.70	16.18	14.70	15.90	14.32
240-270	16.18	14.62	15.27	--	16.20	14.62	16.00	14.60	16.06	14.60	16.20	14.65	16.08	14.60	15.75	14.15
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	16.04	14.21	14.86	13.27	16.32	14.56	15.68	13.95	16.20	14.32	15.75	14.50	15.56	14.22	15.90	14.05
200-220	16.49	14.55	15.60	13.97	16.35	14.76	16.40	15.00	16.42	14.72	16.06	14.85	16.26	14.78	16.10	14.50
220-240	16.49	14.70	15.60	13.86	16.36	14.76	16.38	15.00	16.40	14.72	16.18	14.90	16.34	14.79	16.10	14.50
240-270	16.44	--	15.40	13.48	16.25	14.68	16.12	14.60	16.16	14.72	16.15	14.72	16.25	14.62	15.92	14.35
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	13.52	14.65	12.66	15.18	13.12	15.48	13.28	14.95	13.30	15.46	13.28	15.35	13.45	15.25	12.78
330-400	14.87	12.70	14.01	12.04	14.85	12.40	14.74	12.48	14.32	12.10	14.62	12.60	14.65	12.62	14.52	11.92
400-550	13.45	11.22	12.71	10.79	13.85	11.40	13.90	11.60	13.65	11.25	13.75	11.50	13.95	11.28	13.40	11.00

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.08	14.15	16.06	14.20	--	--	16.18	14.46	--	--	16.60	15.68	17.75	16.08	19.44	17.50
200-220	16.48	15.02	16.42	14.92	16.26	14.64	16.50	14.78	--	--	16.60	15.68	17.81	16.33	19.44	17.50
220-240	16.48	15.02	16.38	14.86	16.22	14.64	16.20	14.70	--	--	16.60	15.68	--	--	18.95	17.38
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	15.98	14.28	16.22	14.70	16.02	14.30	16.43	14.66	16.88	15.19	15.98	15.12	--	--	18.56	--
220-240	15.98	14.38	16.19	14.82	16.00	14.40	16.18	14.53	16.84	15.16	15.98	15.12	--	--	18.34	--
240-270	15.92	14.30	16.07	14.76	15.75	14.29	15.71	--	16.56	14.78	15.35	14.50	16.75	--	17.69	--
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	15.85	13.55	16.08	14.18	--	14.21	16.18	14.40	--	--	16.10	15.25	17.56	16.08	--	16.81
200-220	16.02	14.35	16.29	14.72	16.15	14.54	16.43	14.66	16.94	15.25	16.10	15.25	17.69	16.25	--	16.81
220-240	16.02	14.35	16.29	14.85	16.10	14.54	16.18	14.56	16.94	15.22	16.10	15.25	17.44	16.04	--	16.62
240-270	15.98	--	16.15	14.80	15.84	14.38	--	--	16.56	14.84	--	--	--	--	--	15.75
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	15.48	13.12	15.32	13.68	14.81	13.00	14.75	12.42	14.50	12.50	12.80	11.50	15.25	--	16.41	14.38
330-400	14.55	12.30	14.55	12.60	14.02	12.18	14.15	11.80	14.25	12.00	12.30	10.75	14.50	--	15.91	13.62
400-550	13.40	11.18	13.60	11.32	13.28	11.15	13.65	10.80	13.56	11.25	11.55	10.00	13.25	--	14.69	12.38
Feeder pigs - All wts. Good and Choice	15.05	11.50	15.42	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chicago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	8-mkts. combined
AVERAGE COST -				Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Aug. 27,1960	16.33	16.27	16.18	16.35	16.19	16.18	16.02	16.36	16.23
	Aug. 20,1960	16.89	17.01	16.97	17.21	17.04	17.03	16.89	17.04	17.01
	Aug. 29,1959	14.59	14.69	14.78	14.90	14.71	14.83	14.28	14.71	14.67
Sows	Aug. 27,1960	14.20	14.48	14.58	14.51	14.43	14.74	14.17	13.92	14.33
	Aug. 20,1960	14.74	15.07	14.92	15.17	15.16	15.36	14.93	14.67	15.00
	Aug. 29,1959	12.15	12.32	12.11	12.48	12.16	12.57	12.01	11.91	12.21
AVERAGE WEIGHT -				Pounds						
Barrows and gilts	Aug. 27,1960	227	212	225	229	230	222	221	220	221
	Aug. 20,1960	229	213	225	230	230	226	224	220	223
	Aug. 29,1959	220	209	216	219	220	215	213	215	215
Sows	Aug. 27,1960	393	376	398	388	371	361	369	419	383
	Aug. 20,1960	392	371	385	382	379	367	373	418	382
	Aug. 29,1959	382	368	387	374	374	355	363	381	372
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Aug. 27,1960	18409	49265	11961	24436	19807	17307	35010	30473	206668
	Aug. 20,1960	18788	44502	14493	22109	19128	15960	30567	30008	195555
	Aug. 29,1959	20680	54566	13887	28944	24241	21760	36973	34862	235913
Sows	Aug. 27,1960	5550	4498	1068	6674	5457	2405	8122	3965	37739
	Aug. 20,1960	5705	4278	1301	6351	6899	2718	8840	3592	39684
	Aug. 29,1959	7024	5562	1194	9570	6603	2913	10112	4142	47120
SOWS				Percentage of total						
	Aug. 27,1960	23	8	8	21	22	12	19	12	15
	Aug. 20,1960	23	9	8	22	27	15	22	11	17
	Aug. 29,1959	25	9	8	25	21	12	21	11	17

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Aug. 27,1960	$18.61	$16.49	$2.12
Aug. 20,1960	19.12	17.05	2.07
Aug. 29,1959	16.32	14.55	1.77

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Aug. 27,1960	16.33	118.6	13.8
Aug. 20,1960	16.89	118.2	14.3
Aug. 29,1959	14.59	126.4	11.5

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	Aug.21,1960	20.75	19.70	19.05	--	19.80	19.00	--
	Aug.29,1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Aug.21,1960	19.35	18.85	18.18	17.00	19.02	18.04	17.28
	Aug.29,1959	21.20	20.58	20.75	19.70	21.25	20.89	19.81
Good	Aug.21,1960	17.35	17.60	16.75	16.75	17.75	16.67	16.50
	Aug.29,1959	19.45	19.52	19.45	18.70	20.50	19.79	19.00
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good and	Aug.21,1960	4.12	3.12	4.00	--	4.50	3.50	4.00
Choice	Aug.29,1959	4.50	5.00	4.45	--	--	5.00	4.00
Cull and	Aug.21,1960	4.17	3.25	3.00	--	3.28	2.50	2.75
Utility	Aug.29,1959	4.00	3.88	3.50	4.80	3.50	3.25	3.00
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	Aug.21,1960	--	17.25	--	12.50	16.14	15.75	14.75
Choice	Aug.29,1959	--	19.50	--	16.25	18.50	17.97	15.00

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION 1/

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	July 1960	June 1960	Jan-July 1960	July 1959	July 1960	June 1960	Jan-July 1960	July 1959
Cattle:								
Steers	879	941	6,144	895	55.2	55.6	56.5	57.5
Heifers	322	345	2,234	304	20.2	20.4	20.5	19.5
Cows	364	376	2,347	333	22.9	22.2	21.6	21.4
Bulls and Stags	27	30	155	25	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.6
Total 2/	1,592	1,692	10,880	1,557	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners and Cutters 3/	173	193	1,078	156	10.9	11.4	9.9	10.0
Hogs:								
Sows	568	590	3,112	778	13.2	11.6	8.0	15.0
Barrows and Gilts	3,710	4,466	35,616	4,375	86.2	87.8	91.5	84.4
Stags and boars	26	31	191	31	.6	.6	.5	.6
Total 2/	4,304	5,087	38,919	5,184	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and Lambs:								
Lambs and Yearlings	1,009	1,044	7,411	1,031	90.7	91.8	94.8	93.1
Sheep	103	93	403	76	9.3	8.2	5.2	6.9
Total 2/	1,112	1,137	7,814	1,107	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.
3/ Included in cattle classification.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers		Heifers		Cows		Bulls and Stags		Canners & Cutters, all classes	
	July 1960	1959	July 1960	1959	July 1960	1959	July 1960	1959	July 1960	1959
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States	74.0	71.8	1.7	1.5	21.9	24.8	2.4	1.9	7.9	8.2
S. Atlantic States	44.7	45.9	6.7	8.8	45.1	42.9	3.5	2.4	26.0	25.7
N. C. States-Eastern	54.5	60.2	14.4	14.3	28.3	23.1	2.8	2.4	13.8	12.8
N. C. States-N. Western	59.4	56.3	22.6	23.7	16.8	18.7	1.2	1.3	5.4	6.6
N. C. States-S. Western	58.0	61.7	18.8	17.7	22.3	20.0	.9	.6	10.4	8.3
S. Central States	30.6	30.5	13.1	14.2	53.2	51.4	3.1	3.9	32.0	28.6
Mountain States	23.5	55.7	57.6	35.2	17.7	7.8	1.2	.7	4.6	2.1
Pacific States	64.7	71.4	15.8	16.5	17.5	10.3	2.0	1.8	6.0	4.6

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Supplies of fresh meats were ample in all instances. Unloads at New York and Philadelphia were around 80% normal in all divisions, with cut-back by larger wholesalers equivalent to a car or two, and beef receipts at Washington were reduced slightly. Movement of rail stocks and pork was slow with clearance fairly complete for bulk of fresh meats. Beef ribs and loin cuts had broad outlet, while demand was generally poor for steer chucks and hinds, which sold on a lower basis. Chain buyers absorbed above normal share of the latter cuts at New York, being particularly active for locally dressed product and assigned some to future delivery. Turnover of cow beef was slow but dependable. Demand for veal and calf was good, and slightly favored foresaddles which sold fully $2.00 higher at New York, but carcass prices continued unchanged. Broad demand prevailed for spring lamb, pork loins sold quite prompt at all points except New York where demand narrowed after the opening session.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef fully 50¢-$1.00 lower at New York and Washington, otherwise steady to 50¢ lower. Cow beef sold steady to 50¢ higher; veal and calf mostly steady, with veal $1.00-2.00 higher at Washington; spring lamb steady to $1.00 higher at Baltimore and Washington, elsewhere steady to $1.00 lower. Pork loins $1.00-4.00 higher, except at New York $1.00-3.00 lower; other pork cuts steady to $2.00 lower. Kosher steer forequarters were weak to $1.50 lower; kosher spring lamb generally weak; veal and calf kosher foresaddles fully steady to strong.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef supplies were normal, veal and fresh pork moderate. While there were a few more lambs available, supplies were still relatively small. Pork loins were largely 8-12# averages. The carcass beef trade was slow with prices declining for the second consecutive week. Arm and squarecut chucks and loins were very slow and sold lower, more than offsetting minor advances on ribs. Ribs were readily absorbed, mainly because fewer forequarters were cut. Outlets were adequate for rounds but prices were only steady. Veal moderately active at upturns of late last week, best action on Good to Prime. All spring lamb cuts moved well through midweek but ribs and loins were slow at the close. Fresh pork trade was slow on each session. Steer and heifer beef closed 50¢-$1.00 lower, veal steady, spring lamb about steady, pork loins $1.00-2.00 lower, Boston butts 4-8# and spareribs $1.50-2.00 lower.

PACIFIC COAST - Trading on steer beef was generally slow with supplies moderate. The cow beef trade was fairly active with supplies liberal. Veal and calf were plentiful with a surplus in the San Francisco area. Spring lamb was in moderate to liberal supply and trading generally slow but active in southern California. Slow trade prevailed on fresh pork. Steer and heifer beef prices were steady to 50¢ lower, sales in the San Francisco area as much as $1.00 lower and bookings for next week generally $1.00 lower in Seattle. Cow beef was firm in the Northwest but weak to $1.00 lower in California, most loss at Los Angeles. Veal and calf sold steady except $1.00-2.00 lower in San Francisco, some Standard and Utility $2.00-4.00 off. Spring lamb sold on a strong basis, instances $1.00 higher in Los Angeles. Fresh pork was weak to $1.00 lower, spots $2.00-3.00 lower on loins and spareribs in Seattle and San Francisco. Smoked hams and bacon sold steady to $2.00 lower, mostly $1.00-2.00 off with other smoked items and refined lard mostly steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Steer and heifer beef prices declined for the second consecutive week, falling to the lowest level of the year. All other classes followed the decline with supplies near normal but the demand was only moderate to poor. Clearance was complete on lamb carcasses and pork sides but only fairly complete on pork loins and cow beef, and generally incomplete on steer and heifer beef. Choice 600-700# and Good 600-800# steer beef closed 50¢ to mostly $1.00 lower with Choice 700-800# $1.00-1.50 lower; heifer beef 50¢-$1.50 lower; cow beef mostly $1.00-1.50 lower. Choice and Prime spring lamb was steady to 25¢ lower; pork loins and fresh hams mostly 50¢-$1.00 lower; butts $1.00-1.50 lower and hog sides mostly $1.75 lower. Choice 600-700# steer beef closed at $38.00-38.50, few carlots $38.75-39.00; 700-800# $37.50-38.00; Good 600-800# $36.50-37.50, few under 700# $37.75-38.00; Choice 500-700# heifer beef $37.25-37.75; Utility cow beef $27.00-29.00, mostly $27.00-27.50; Choice and Prime 35-55# spring lamb carcasses $39.25-41.25; pork loins $43.00-44.00; fresh hams 12-16# $36.50-38.00; butts 4-8# $31.00-33.00; U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-175# pork sides closed at $22.75-23.10.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. Prices on both steer and heifer beef lower at all points with carlot prices at Chicago at the lowest levels since October 1957. Overall trend on steer and heifer beef 50¢-$1.00 lower, some $1.50 lower at New York and Philadelphia. Cow beef sold $1.00-2.00 lower; spring lamb steady to 50¢ lower; pork loins $1.50-2.00 lower at Chicago and steady to strong at Philadelphia. At the latter point pork sides were 50¢-$1.25 lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Aug. 27 1960	Aug.29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug.29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug.29 1959	Aug. 27 1960	Aug. 29 1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.30	48.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	43.05	46.00	41.87	44.25	42.00	45.00	41.94	44.53
	700-800	42.55	45.50	40.37	43.00	41.00	43.50	40.19	43.00
Good	500-600	41.80	44.00	40.56	42.31	41.00	44.50	40.50	43.44
	600-700	41.80	44.00	40.56	42.31	40.00	43.00	38.00	42.38
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	40.75	--	41.50	--	41.69	--
	600-700	--	--	40.75	--	40.00	--	40.19	--
Good	500-600	--	--	38.81	--	--	--	38.70	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	55.00	63.00	52.50	56.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	50.00	53.00	48.50	51.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	45.00	49.50	46.00	49.25	51.00	56.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	44.25	46.70	43.50	--	40.00	--	41.50	46.00
Choice	45-55	43.80	45.40	43.50	45.25	40.00	43.00	41.50	46.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	49.25	43.75	46.68	40.44	53.00	56.00	49.00	48.00
Butts	4-8	38.10	34.65	35.45	31.50	46.00	38.00	40.50	36.50
Spareribs	3# down	46.60	45.00	41.68	40.94	51.00	50.00	44.88	45.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	44.45	42.50	48.50	49.25	50.00	50.00	46.50	46.66
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		50.70	41.50	54.00	46.50	58.00	48.50	54.88	49.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	30.90	31.00	33.00	34.25	33.50	32.00	32.00	31.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.00	12.38	15.75	12.38	17.00	13.50	16.50	13.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED AUGUST 26, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	39.00-39.50	38.00-40.50	38.25-38.50	41.00-41.50	40.50-41.00
	700-800	38.50-39.00	37.50-38.50	37.75	40.50-40.75	40.00-40.50
	800-900	38.00-38.50	36.00-37.00	36.75-37.25	39.50-40.00	39.00-39.50
Good	500-600	38.00-38.50	--	--	40.00-40.50	--
	600-700	38.00-38.50	35.00-37.50	36.75-37.75	39.50-40.00	39.00-40.50
	700-800	37.50-38.00	35.00-37.50	36.25-37.25	39.00-40.00	38.50-40.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	38.00-38.50	40.00	37.25-37.75	--	--
	600-700	38.00-38.50	37.50-38.00	36.25-37.25	--	39.50-40.00
Good	500-600	36.00-36.50	35.75	35.25-35.75	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	35.75	35.25-35.75	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.00-28.50	27.00-29.00	27.50-28.00	--	29.00-30.50
Canner and Cutter		28.50-29.00	--	27.50-28.50	--	28.50-30.00
Spring lamb -						
Prime	30-45#	40.00-40.50	38.00-39.00	39.75	42.00-43.00	42.00-42.50
	45-55	40.00-40.50	38.00-39.00	39.75	42.00-42.50	42.00-42.50
	55-65	39.00-40.00	38.00-38.50	--	41.00-42.00	41.00-41.50
Choice	30-45	40.00-40.50	38.00-39.00	39.75	42.00-43.00	42.00-42.50
	45-55	40.00-40.50	38.00-39.00	39.75	42.00-42.50	42.00-42.50
	55-65	39.00-40.00	38.00-38.50	--	41.00-42.00	41.00-41.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	43.50-44.00	--	43.00-44.50	--	45.00-45.50

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)
JULY 1960

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal: Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Cured meats: Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	204,000	--
Australia	22,631,121	3,214,953	9,007	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	--	--
Canada	1,400,625	2,782	3,178,706	533	488,119
Denmark	--	--	--	--	25,321
Germany	--	--	--	--	3,914
Holland	--	--	--	--	33,488
Ireland	942,615	--	--	--	1,789
Mexico	1,896,213	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	13,281,056	949,625	12,452	--	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--
All others	1,347,956	60,344	--	40,000	7,793
Total - July 1960	41,499,586	4,227,704	3,200,165	244,533	560,424
July 1959	42,672,427	4,660,656	3,121,114	13,054,660	654,529
Refused or condemned:					
July 1960	26,028	15,740	360	--	1
July 1959	159,827	163,752	20,705	39,150	42

Country of origin	Canned meats: Beef	Pork	Misc'l.	Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscellaneous	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	2,931,382	--	120,366	310,601	--	75,096	3,641,445
Australia	121,560	--	--	--	--	--	25,976,641
Brazil	767,996	--	--	--	--	1,500	769,496
Canada	21,483	217,378	3,940	--	3,102	147,561	5,464,229
Denmark	--	3,630,534	291,517	--	177,591	--	4,124,963
Germany	6,936	117,236	7,991	--	10,770	--	146,847
Holland	--	2,948,642	61,209	--	6,310	--	3,049,649
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	944,404
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,896,213
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	14,243,133
Paraguay	1,212,308	--	--	--	--	--	1,212,308
Poland	--	2,359,307	208,759	--	--	--	2,568,066
Uruguay	967,369	--	--	--	--	14,560	981,929
All others	--	67,726	112,715	--	49,971	3,665	1,690,170
Total - July 1960	6,029,034	9,340,823	806,497	310,601	247,744	242,382	66,709,493
July 1959	9,508,523	10,159,744	992,019	--	203,479	656,021	85,683,172
Refused or condemned:							
July 1960	1,547	11,059	25,698	--	4,899	--	85,332
July 1959	5,862	90,133	1,338	--	--	990	481,799

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) were as follows:
July 1960 - Argentina 89,425, Canada 31,503, Mexico 25,000; July 1959 - Mexico 88,748.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	July		Jan. - July		Percentage July 1960 of	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	July 1959	5-yr. July av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle.....	1,592	1,557	10,879	9,870	102	98
Calves.....	374	382	2,827	2,735	98	73
Hogs.....	4,304	5,184	38,918	38,011	83	101
Sheep & lambs...	1,113	1,107	7,814	7,826	101	100
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle.....	1,012.0	1,032.9	1,038.3	1,051.2	98	103
Calves.....	235.5	233.3	211.5	208.6	101	99
Hogs.....	245.7	243.1	238.3	241.6	101	100
Sheep & lambs...	95.8	93.7	100.4	100.4	102	104
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle.....	21.91	24.58	22.80	24.81	89	107
Calves.....	22.36	27.31	24.04	27.68	82	112
Hogs.....	17.00	13.75	15.04	15.47	124	98
Sheep & lambs...	17.58	19.35	19.30	19.33	91	89
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle.....	57.6	57.7	57.6	57.6	--	--
Calves.....	57.7	57.1	57.0	56.9	--	--
Hogs 1/.....	76.5	76.7	76.6	76.8	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	47.2	48.4	48.5	48.6	--	--
Lard per 100#...	13.9	14.6	13.7	14.3	--	--
Lard per animal.	34.1	35.5	32.5	34.5	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle.....	582.9	596.0	597.9	605.6	--	--
Steers 2/.....	646.9	658.2	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/.....	529.2	528.7	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/.....	491.2	501.9	--	--	--	--
Calves.....	135.9	133.2	120.6	118.7	--	--
Hogs.....	188.0	186.5	182.5	185.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	45.2	45.4	48.7	48.8	--	--
Condemnations: 3/(number of head)						
Cattle.....	3,935	4,865	31,647	30,737	--	--
Calves.....	831	1,008	11,854	12,976	--	--
Hogs.....	7,877	7,667	67,611	61,280	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	7,180	5,503	42,261	33,703	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef.....	925,508	925,005	6,485,716	5,958,181	100	103
Veal.....	50,667	50,744	339,575	323,016	100	74
Pork(carcass wt.)	807,753	965,415	7,091,352	7,044,196	84	101
Lamb & mutton...	49,974	50,008	378,645	380,519	100	101
Total 4/.....	1,833,901	1,991,171	14,295,289	13,705,913	92	101
Pork, excl.lard	607,007	713,515	5,360,181	5,254,570	85	102
Lard production 5/	146,486	183,991	1,264,555	1,308,318	80	97
Rendered pork fat	6,436	7,909	49,949	55,325	81	82

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle. 3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

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BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Sales of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market were limited with approximately three cars moved. Prices were unchanged. There were occasional sales of mostly scoured pulled woolen wools at about steady prices with a slightly easier tendency in some instances. Trade in noils was very slow at nominal rates. Activity in all the domestic primary areas was extremely quiet with very few sales noted.

As auctions resumed in Australia a varied selection of wools were offered in Sydney with prices about 5 percent lower than the July close while at Melbourne there was a good selection of topmaking Merino fleeces offered. Quotations from Perth showed prices 5-7 percent below the August 1 sale. On the second day of sales there was a reluctance on the part of the growers to sell and some wools were withdrawn. There was a better tone at midweek with prices unchanged but firm. Continental interests, Japan and England, were competing throughout. Offerings from New Zealand were mainly of carpet types while South Africa quoted mostly scoured wools steady. Quotations from Montevideo were lower in sympathy with the Australian auctions while Buenos Aires carpet wool prices were about unchanged.

Fleece Wools - Graded 64s average French combing fleece wools sold at $1.05 clean basis, while graded 56/58s staple and good French combing brought $1.08 on a core and 50/56s staple fleeces moved at $1.06 on a core test.

Territory Wools - Sales of territory wools were very slow.

Texas Wools - Turnover in Texas was extremely slow as prices were unchanged.

Mohair - A small weight of mostly adult mohair sold in Texas at 73½¢ to the warehouse. Buyers were offering 71½¢ for adult hair to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Some shippers in South Africa were offering wools firm for shipment prior to the re-opening of auctions at Capetown, Durban and Port Elizabeth on September 1. Australian quotations below are ex-Sydney. All quotes converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields in bond.

Australia	South Africa	Montevideo Super Skirted
61B - $1.05	7 - $1.06	64s - $.97
62B - 1.01	8 - 1.05	60/64s - .93
63B - .97	47 - 1.04	60s - .89
78B - 1.00	48 - 1.03	58s - .87
79B - .95	52 - 1.01	56s - .85
80B - .94		50s - .84
432B - .94		48s - .83
433B - .88		

Carpet Wools - Sales of spot carpet wools continued rather slow. A greasy pulled New Zealand carpet slipe wool 3" - 4½" sold at 74¢ while a short N. Z. carpet slipe brought 72¢ clean fibers present and a Colonial scoured N. Z. carpet wool moved at 72¢. Near Eastern yellow carpet pieces sold for shipment at 51¢ clean fibers present.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Aug. 25, 1960
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

October wool tops - $1.457
December wool tops - 1.467
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
October wool - $1.124
December wool - 1.138
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length